



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MODULAR STENT-GRAFT FOR ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF AORTIC ARCH ANEURYSM AND DISSECTIONS, the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto
 was filed on September 19, 2003
Application Serial No. 10/664,595
and was amended on (or amended through) _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Foreign Filing Date</u>	Priority Claimed	
		<u>MM/DD/YYYY</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
NONE				

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 and that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

	Filing Date	
<u>Appln. Serial No(s).</u>	<u>MM/DD/YYYY</u>	<u>Status (patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
09/780,943	02/09/2001	pending

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below:

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60/187,941	03/03/2000	abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

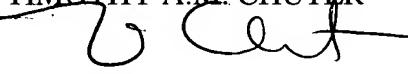
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